

REMARKS

Now cancelled claims 4-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wolk et al. (“Wolk”).

The Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 11-24 are allowable over Wolk because Wolk et al. does not teach or suggest all of the features recited therein.

Independent claim 11 recites a transfer member. The transfer member includes at least a supporting member and a light emitting layer formed peelably on the supporting member. A bonding property improving substance is included in a layer of the transfer member to be contacted with a member to be transferred. The layer including the bonding property substance is a layer other than the light emitting layer. A molecular weight of the bonding property improving substance is in a range of 1000 to 100,000.

Wolk does not disclose a bonding property improving substance, in a layer other than the light emitting layer, having a molecular weight within the claimed range. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is allowable over Wolk, because Wolk does not disclose all the features recited therein.

Independent claim 12 recites that a layer including the bonding property improving substance, is a layer other than the light emitting layer, and that the “glass transition temperature of the bonding property improving substance is lower than the glass transition temperature of the light emitting layer.”

Wolk does not disclose a layer having a bonding property improving substance which has a glass transition temperature lower than the glass transition temperature of a light emitting layer. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 12 is allowable over Wolk because Wolk does not disclose all the features of claim 12.

Independent claim 17, recites a member to be transferred. A bonding property improving substance is included in a layer of the member to be transferred. The layer including the bonding property substance is a layer other than a light emitting layer. A molecular weight of the bonding property improving substance is in a range of 1000 to 100,000.

Wolk does not disclose a bonding property improving substance, in a layer other than the light emitting layer, having a molecular weight within the claimed range. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 17 is allowable over Wolk, because Wolk does not disclose all the features recited therein.

Independent claim 18 recites a member to be transferred having at least a base member and an electrode formed on the base member. A bonding property improving substance is included in a layer of the member to be transferred. A layer including the bonding property improving substance is a layer other than the light emitting layer. A glass transition temperature of the bonding improving substance is lower than the last transition temperature of the light emitting layer.

Wolk does not disclose a bonding property improving substance, in a layer other than the light emitting layer, having a glass transition temperature lower than the glass transition temperature of the light emitting layer. Therefore, independent claim 18 is allowable of Wolk because Wolk does not disclose all the features recited therein.

Independent claim 23 recites an organic EL element having at least a base member, a first electrode formed on the base member, an electron transporting layer, and a light emitting layer formed on the first electrode. A second electrode is formed on the electron transporting layer and the light emitting layer. A bonding improving substance is included in the electron

transporting layer. Independent claim 23 is allowable over Wolk because Wolk does not disclose a bonding improving substance in an electron transporting layer.

Independent claim 24 recites an organic EL element having at least a base member, a first electrode formed on the base member, a hole transporting layer, and a light emitting layer formed on the first electrode. A second electrode is formed on the hole transporting layer and the light emitting layer. A bonding improving substance is included in the hole transporting layer. Independent claim 24 is allowable over Wolk because Wolk does not disclose a bonding improving substance in a hole transporting layer.

The remaining claims are dependent either directly or indirectly on the independent claims. Because dependent claims include all the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims, the Applicant respectfully submits that the dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons as the independent claims.

In view of the aforesaid, the Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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